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MAKING A CREDITABLE LEGISLATIVE RECORD

By John W. Thomas, Editor

As state representative from the 73rd Nebraska district, comprising Box Butte and Sheridan counties, Lloyd C. Thomas is making a record with which not only every voter of the two counties, but of all western Nebraska, may well be pleased.

Lloyd is for western Nebraska, first, last and all the time. When he went down to Lincoln to attend the present session of the legislature, he went with the determination of doing his full share in securing recognition for this part of the state and helping to put it on the map in the estimation of the people of central and eastern Nebraska—and he has been doing it right along. It is no disparagement to others representing, or who have represented, western Nebraska to say that he has been second to none in giving favorable publicity to this section of the state in the same length of time.

To begin with, Representative Thomas was given unusual recognition in committee appointments upon the organization of the legislature, but he was made chairman of the committee on constitutional amendments. In addition to that he has a place on other important committees, as follows: Committee on committees, special committee on prohibitory amendment, and the committee on judiciary.

It is a noticeable fact that the many newspaper men who have had anything to say regarding Lloyd's work in the legislature so far, all have spoken in terms of commendation—except one, a jealous business competitor; and in order to make his criticism appear to have any weight it was necessary to resort to gross misrepresentation.

For months prior to the assembling of the legislature, Lloyd had been on the program for a speech at the annual convention of the Nebraska State Firemen's Association, which was held at Auburn. In order to attend the firemen's convention, he secured a leave of absence from the legislature. While he was away it happened that a vote was taken on some phase of the prohibition question. The above mentioned j. b. c. published a statement representing that Lloyd was absent at that time for the purpose of dodging a vote on the question, the representation being an absolute misrepresentation of facts.

The Nebraska Press Association is composed of several hundred newspaper men. At their annual convention they appointed a legislative committee to look after some legislation that they deemed wise and right. This committee drafted a bill which they requested Lloyd to introduce, which he did as House Roll No. 226. The j. b. c. who had been searching for something with which he could attack the record of the representative from the 73rd district, grabbed at this bill as the club with which to do his work, but it seems now that the club will prove to be a boomerang. The j. b. c. stated that the bill was a "one-man" measure, that no one wanted it except the man who introduced it. The facts already given above show that statement to be absolutely false. The j. b. c. stated further that if the bill became a law, a newspaper publisher in Nebraska could take a list of names of persons who had not subscribed for his paper, send it to them without it being ordered and then compel them to pay for it. The absolute falsehood in that statement is shown by the following section from the bill as it was introduced by Representative Thomas:



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No person in this state shall be compelled to pay for any newspaper, magazine, or other publication which shall be mailed or sent to him without his having subscribed for, or ordered, the same.

I dislike exceedingly to pay any attention to peayunish things. The reason I have done so in the above is that the people of Box Butte and Sheridan counties, as well as their representative in the legislature, are entitled to a truthful statement regarding the matters mentioned. Now for something more pleasant.

The complimentary things said editorially about Representative Lloyd C. Thomas have not been confined to newspapers of either political party. Herewith are a few clippings from exchanges:

Pleased Western Ranchmen

From The Omaha Daily News, February 4.—Farmers and ranchmen in western Nebraska already are preparing to welcome Representative Lloyd C. Thomas, Alliance, home with brass bands.

He succeeded in having the house judiciary committee, Friday, approve his bill making it illegal to leave gates open when driving across the country.

"The Official Paper"

From the Chadron Journal: Evidence is developing that the Alliance Herald is not only the official paper of the Volunteer Firemen of the state but also of the western Nebraska members of the legislature.

Received Sheridan County Boosters

Speaking of the trip of the Sheridan county boosters to Lincoln, The Hay Spring News says: By special invitation we visited the state house. Here we were received in the gallery of representative hall by our distinguished young representative, Lloyd C. Thomas, of the Alliance Herald. After an address of welcome by Speaker Jack-

son, Mr. Thomas made us feel at home in a splendid address, in which he sounded the praises of Sheridan county and gave a detailed summary report of farming and stock raising in Sheridan county. This is said to be Mr. Thomas' maiden speech and to say the least, it was not only well delivered, but highly entertaining and to the point. He highly complimented our people for their enthusiastic endeavor to bring Sheridan county to the front.

To Amend Corrupt Practices Act

Western Newspaper Union News Service, appearing in "ready-print" service over Nebraska:

Representative Lloyd C. Thomas, who looks after the interests of the people of Box Butte and Sheridan counties, and who is a newspaper man, has an amendment to the corrupt practices act that he will push. Under the present law a candidate need not report travel and personal expenses, but he must include all other expenditures, including newspaper and periodical advertising. The exception in the present law reads: "Provided that money expended by any candidate for his necessary personal expenses incurred for himself alone, for travel and subsistence, for stationery and postage, for writing or printing and distributing letters, circulars and posters, and for telegraph and telephone service shall not be regarded as an expenditure within the meaning of this section and shall not be considered as any part of the sum herein fixed as the limit of expenses and need not be shown in the statement herein required to be filed."

Mr. Thomas cannot see why no restrictions should be placed on the printing bills of a candidate and yet the amount of his advertising be limited. For a candidate for a state office the limitation is around \$1,100. To secure insertion of a five-inch advertisement one time in all the newspapers of the state would cost between \$400 and \$500.

"Doc" Bixby in Lincoln Journal

Hon. Lloyd C. Thomas, editor of the Alliance Herald, who is down here at Lincoln making laws for the people, was recently presented with a fine gold pen-holder and pen by his associates on the paper, which inspired Frank B. Thomas of Chicago to write these imperishable stanzas on

LLOYD'S PEN.

I hear Lloyd Thomas owns a pen
Presented by the Herald men.
They think he'll prove a first-class star,
A statesman ranking up to par.

Now if they have him sized up right,
'Tis clear he'll shine both day and night,
And show he's strictly up to date—
In fact, he's bound to scintillate.

If Lloyd makes good in that big show
To see him I shall surely go.
I'd bet right now that down in Lincoln
He'll shine to set their eyes a blinkin'.
—Frank B. Thomas.

Amid such bright illumination
The man must glitter like chain lightning
To dazzle those who scorn and flout him,
And outshine those who shine about him.

I think that Thomas, on the level,
Will "rise and shine" to beat the devil;
Will get his work down fine and finer—
Who outshines all must be some shiner.

Among the statesmen now he mixes
(Where walls are braced with two-by-sixes),
And with his other friends I cherish
The hope that he'll make good or perish.

HOW REPRESENTATIVE STANDS ON SUFFRAGE

A majority of the voters of Box Butte and Sheridan county being in favor of equal suffrage, they will no doubt be pleased with the stand of their state representative on this issue. In voting upon the bill to give women the right of suffrage, so far as it could be extended by statutory enactment, Lloyd C. Thomas made the following explanation of his vote:

Mr. Speaker: I have a mother who has raised six boys to manhood. The proudest moment of my life will be when I conduct her to the polls to cast her first vote. I not only want to see this bill pass the women to have the right to vote for all officials at the first opportunity. I vote yes.—THOMAS.

SPECIAL SUFFRAGE EDITIONS

Mrs. Catt, national suffrage president, requested the states to join in getting out a suffrage press edition of at least one paper in each county, to be published between February 21 and 28. The Nebraska state president, Mrs. Barkley, was very eager that this state make a good showing in this matter.

This special suffrage edition of The Herald is issued in pursuance of the request of the state and national organizations.

Republican Paper's Endorsement

The Gordon Journal is a strong republican paper, but is not so biased by party prejudice as to not be able to see anything good in one who affiliates with the opposing party. Some of the strongest commendations of Lloyd Thomas' course in the legislature have been published by The Journal. In giving an account of the Sheridan county boosters' trip to eastern Nebraska, it said:

"Tuesday we accepted an invitation from the Nebraska legislature to visit the state capitol and witness the process of grinding bills through the legislative hopper. Representative Thomas, well known to the people comprising this visiting delegation, extended the official hand of welcome to us and introduced the visitors to that august body as his constituents, whom he was proud to serve. In a most fitting speech he showed up resources and wonderful possibilities of north-west Nebraska. There isn't any doubt but what Lloyd Thomas, one of the youngest members of the legislature, had his political training been along right lines, would speedily develop into one of Nebraska's truly great men."

PUBLIC SALE of Stock and Implements

The following extra high grade stock and implements will be sold at Public Auction by J. B. Miller and F. G. Blaine at the J. B. Miller ranch located 5½ miles south and 2 miles east of Alliance, and ½ mile south of the W. W. Norton ranch known as the Old Wilson ranch, and leased by Fred Blaine, on

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, '17

Free lunch at 11 o'clock, and the sale starts immediately after.

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- 20 Head of Cows.
- 9 Three-year-old Steers.
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| 1 Mower. | 1 Set Single Harness. |
| 1 Sweep. | 1 Melotte Cream Separator. |
| 1 Rake. | |

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